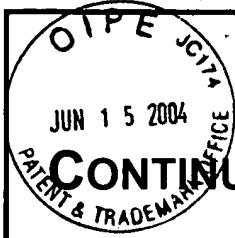


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 <h1 style="text-align: center;">REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)</p>	Application Number	10/050,581
	Filing Date	January 18, 2002
	First Named Inventor	Hiroshi KUROSAWA
	Group Art Unit	2851
	Examiner Name	A. A. Mathews
	Attorney Docket Number	00862.022494

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
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b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed to cover the RCE filing fee.
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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Steven E. Warner		Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	33,326
Signature			Date	June 15, 2004

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In re Application of:

Hiroshi KUROSAWA

Application No.: 10/050,581

Filed: January 18, 2002

For: EXPOSURE METHOD AND APPARATUS,
AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

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Examiner: A. A. Mathews
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Group Art Unit: 2851
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Confirmation No.: 7091
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Allowed: March 15, 2004
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

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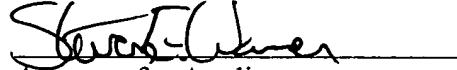
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Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: